Export of fruits from Bihar

†3068. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether fruits such as Mango, Litchi, Banana, Papaya; Guava and jack fruits are produced in large quantities in Bihar;

(b) whether Government have provided any facility to send the fruits produced in Bihar in national and international markets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) While Mango, Litchi and Guava are produced in large quantities, small quantity of Banana is also produced in Bihar. There has been no significant production of papaya and jack fruit in Bihar according to the data available.

(b) and (c) The marketing of agro products such as fruits is, *inter alia,* facilitated through regulated agricultural produce marketing committees, cooperative marketing committees, etc. in the national market. Further, the Government has been encouraging exports of horticulture products such as fruits through various assistance schemes which are applicable to all the states in the country including Bihar. These measures include the following:

(i) Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions;

(ii) Setting up of integrated cargo handling and cold storage facilities at various Internatinal Airports for handling export of perishable items such as fresh fruits and vegetables;

(Hi) Establishment of vapour heat treatment facilities for improving the acceptability of the product especially mangoes in overseas markets. Research efforts are on for the use of modern

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technologies such as Controlled/Modified Atmosphere (CA/ MA) technologies in transportation for increasing the shelf-life of perishable products such as fresh fruits including experimental transportation of Litchis in CA containers from Bihar to export markets.

(iv) Assistance for specilized transport vehicle, reefer van, containers, pre-cooling units, etc. under the scheme for development of commercial horticulture to production and post harvest management.

(v) Assistance to set up pre and post harvest management facilities such as pack houses for processing of fresh fruits such as Litchis in Bihar.

(vi) Providing technical advisory services and other support services to, trade and industry including training of farmers for export production, quality control packaging, transport, etc.

(vii) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging and strengthening of quality control including installation of latest ISO 9000/HACCP equipments at export units.

Trade relations with China

3069. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem "Anti-dumping cases affecting bilateral trade: China" which appeared in the Statesman dated the 19th June, 2001;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard for ensuring healthy bilateral trade relations between India and China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) A Chinese Delegation led by Shri Shang Ming, Deputy Director General of Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation called on the Designated